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Addendum

I. Financial aspects

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 62/233 B of 20 June 2008, appropriated the amount of $315.1 million for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

2. As at 30 September 2008, unpaid assessed contributions to the Special Account for MINURCAT amounted to $83.1 million. The total outstanding assessed contributions for all peacekeeping operations as at that date amounted to $4,014.1 million.

3. Since its establishment in October 2007, the trust fund for the support of the activities of MINURCAT has received voluntary contributions amounting to $17.4 million, with expenditure to date of $6.7 million.

II. Financial implications

4. Further to my report on MINURCAT (S/2008/760), I wish to inform the Security Council that the financial implications for the establishment of a United Nations military force to take over from the European Union-led military force (EUFOR) in eastern Chad within an expanded mandate of MINURCAT are currently estimated, on a full-cost basis for a 12-month period, at some $528.7 million.

5. The preliminary projections of $528.7 million provide for the full deployment of some 4,900 military contingent personnel, including three infantry battalions in eastern Chad and a battalion-size mobile reserve, supported by 18 helicopters. The projections also provide for an additional 150 international staff, 140 national staff and 45 United Nations Volunteers, as well as for the deployment of additional helicopters, expansion and upgrading of the existing EUFOR camps, the construction of new camps where EUFOR does not have the necessary infrastructure, and the acquisition of essential equipment, including vehicles.

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6. An indicative breakdown of the projections for the deployment of the United Nations military force in eastern Chad is provided, for information purposes only, in the annex to the present addendum.

7. I also wish to inform the Security Council that the financial implications for the establishment of a United Nations military force in north-eastern Central African Republic are currently projected, on a full-cost basis, at some $1.5 million and $64.5 million for options 1 and 2, respectively, proposed in my main report.

8. The preliminary projection of $1.5 million under option 1, described in paragraph 62 of my main report (S/2008/760), provides for the deployment of 15 military observers (based in Chad) who will conduct routine visits to Birao.

9. The preliminary projection of $64.5 million under option 2, also described in paragraph 62 of my main report, provides for the deployment of 500 military contingent personnel, comprising two manoeuvre companies and one enabling support company, supported by a small military aviation section. The projection also provides for 22 international staff, 32 national staff, and five United Nations Volunteers, as well as for the acquisition of essential equipment.

10. An indicative breakdown of the projections for the deployment of the United Nations military force in north-eastern Central African Republic is provided, for information purposes only, in the annex to the present addendum.

11. Should the Security Council decide to establish a United Nations military force within the expanded mandate of MINURCAT, it would be my intention to utilize, to the maximum extent possible, resources already approved by the General Assembly for the Mission for the current financial period ending 30 June 2009, and to include resource requirements arising from the Council's decision in my proposed budget for MINURCAT for the 2009/10 period.

Annex

Preliminary cost estimates for the establishment of a United Nations military force in eastern Chad and north-eastern Central African Republic, within an expanded mandate of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) for a 12-month period

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Cost estimates		
	Chad	*Central African Republic*	
Category		*Option 1*	*Option 2*
Military and police personnel			
Military observers	—	1 462	—
Military contingents	255 285	—	24 157
United Nations police	—	—	—
Formed police units	—	—	—
Subtotal	**255 285**	**1 462**	**24 157**
Civilian personnel			
International staff	29 388	—	4 268
National staff	1 962	—	549
United Nations Volunteers	2 275	—	253
General temporary assistance	—	—	—
Subtotal	**33 625**	**—**	**5 070**
Operational costs			
Government-provided personnel	—	—	—
Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—
Consultants	—	—	—
Official travel	—	—	—
Facilities and infrastructure	133 079	—	26 415
Ground transportation	17 568	—	5 288
Air transportation	69 420	—	227
Naval transportation	—	—	—
Communications	7 293	—	1 300
Information technology	1 321	—	420
Medical	6 500	—	1 275
Special equipment	2 416	—	257
Other supplies, services and equipment	2 179	—	109
Quick-impact projects	—	—	—
Subtotal	**239 776**	**—**	**35 291**
Gross requirements	**528 686**	**1 462**	**64 518**
Staff assessment income	2 529	—	402
Net requirements	**526 157**	**1 462**	**64 116**
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—
Total requirements	**528 686**	**1 462**	**64 518**